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To require the Secretary of Agriculture to make supplemental income payments to producers of certain crops for crop years in which the national gross revenue of the crop is below a certain percentage of the 5-year average of that crop's national gross revenue.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. STENHOLM introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on Agriculture

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Supplemental Income
5 Payments for Farmers Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. SUPPLEMENTAL INCOME PAYMENTS FOR PRO-**
2 **DUCERS OF CERTAIN AGRICULTURAL COM-**
3 **MODITIES WITH REDUCED NATIONAL GROSS**
4 **REVENUES.**

5 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

6 (1) ELIGIBLE COMMODITY.—The term “eligible
7 commodity” means wheat, oilseeds, feed grains, cot-
8 ton, and rice.

9 (2) NATIONAL GROSS REVENUE.—The term
10 “national gross revenue”, with respect to an eligible
11 commodity for a crop year, means the product ob-
12 tained by the Secretary of Agriculture by
13 multiplying—

14 (A) the total United States production of
15 the eligible commodity for that crop year; and

16 (B) the higher of the season average price
17 received by producers or the loan rate in effect
18 for the eligible commodity for that crop year
19 under subtitle C of title I of the Federal Agri-
20 culture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996
21 (7 U.S.C. 7231 et seq.).

22 (b) AVAILABILITY OF PAYMENTS.—The Secretary of
23 Agriculture shall make payments under this section to pro-
24 ducers of an eligible commodity for each crop year for
25 which the Secretary determines that the national gross
26 revenue per acre of the eligible commodity is less than 95

1 percent of the 5-year average of the national gross revenue
2 per acre of that commodity.

3 (c) TOTAL PAYMENTS FOR COMMODITY.—If pay-
4 ments are required under subsection (b) to be made to
5 producers of an eligible commodity for a crop year, the
6 total amount of the payments to be made to all producers
7 of that commodity shall be equal to the product obtained
8 by multiplying—

9 (1) the amount per acre by which the national
10 gross revenue for that crop year, as determined
11 under subsection (b), is less than 95 percent of the
12 5-year average of the national gross revenue; and

13 (2) the total number of acres for that crop year
14 on which the commodity was harvested.

15 (d) PAYMENT RATE AND PAYMENTS TO A PRO-
16 DUCER.—

17 (1) PAYMENT RATE.—The Secretary of Agri-
18 culture shall convert the total amount payable for an
19 eligible commodity for a crop year, as determined
20 under subsection (c), to a per bushel or other per
21 unit amount by dividing the amount determined
22 under subsection (c) by the total actual and failed
23 production for the commodity for that year.

24 (2) PRODUCER PAYMENT.—A producer of an el-
25 igible commodity for which payments are to be made

1 under this section shall receive a payment for the
2 producer's actual or failed production at the pay-
3 ment rate in effect for the commodity for that crop
4 year, with a reasonable allowance for errors. The
5 Secretary shall determine actual and failed produc-
6 tion amounts and the Secretary's determinations of
7 such amounts shall not be subject to review.

8 (e) EFFECTIVE DATE.—This section shall apply to
9 eligible commodities beginning with the 1999 crop year.

10 (f) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is
11 authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary of Agri-
12 culture for fiscal years 2000 through 2004 such sums as
13 may be necessary to carry out this section.

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